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Dixiecrats-GOP Ignore Mail to Kill Controls

Russia, Red China, Spain Peril Peace

Milan, Italy.—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions closed its second world congress with condemnation of Russia, Red China, Spain, Argentina, Venezuela and the Iron Curtain countries as "opponents of peace and justice."

The congress, including AFL, CIO and United Mine Workers delegates, elected Sir Vincent Tewson of the British Trades Union Congress president to succeed Paul Finet of Belgium and reelected by acclamation J. H. Oldenbroek as secretary-general.

AFL President William Green was reelected to the executive board with Secretary-Treasurer George Meany first substitute and Irving Brown, AFL European representative, second substitute. The board meets between sessions of the congress, which are held every two years. Mr. Green was reelected a vice president.

One of the final actions of the congress was to reject a bid by the communist World Federation of Trade Unions, operating from behind the protection of the Red Army in the Russian zone of Vienna, Austria, to form a united front. The ICFTU branded the publicly-issued invitation "a dishonest communist trick."

A demand by Greek delegates that the ICFTU adopt a resolution calling for the end of the British occupation of Cyprus and a strong plea from Luigi Antonini, vice president AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, for a revision of the Italian peace treaty to eliminate benefits for Russia, were referred to the executive board.

The congress telegraphed United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie protesting the mass deportations of innocent citizens now under way by the Hungarian communist government.

"The ICFTU requests immediate action by the United Nations so that the voice of the civilized world can be heard in order to bring about an end to these deportations," the ICFTU said.

Major statements of the ICFTU in a series of resolutions included:

Welcoming United Nations success in Korea; recommending peace treaties for Germany, Austria and Japan; recommending special economic assistance by the democracies for Greece, Austria, Turkey; refusing Franco Spain admittance to UN agencies.

Endorsing activities of the International Labor Organization in underdeveloped territories; calling for economic integration and unification of western Europe; approving the Schuman plan.

Reaffirming support for the protection of social, economic and civil rights, the right to strike in all countries.

Urging improvements and expansion of housing, social security, the standard of living.

1951 CONVENTION 10TH ON COAST

San Francisco. — This city played host to the first American Federation of Labor convention ever held on the Pacific Coast—the 24th in 1904.

Since then the AFL came back here in 1915, 1934 and 1947. It will open its 70th convention here on Sept. 17.

Other Pacific Coast cities host to the AFL are Seattle, Wash., 1913 and 1941; Portland, Ore., 1923; Los Angeles, 1927; Vancouver, British Columbia, 1931.

Farm-Labor Unity Urged by Green

Rock Island, Ill.—AFL President William Green called on branches of the labor movement located close to the farm areas of the nation to serve as goodwill ambassadors of the AFL to farmers.

Speaking at the dedication of the Labor Temple, Mr. Green said that there is still "a dangerous degree of animosity manifested by farm representatives toward labor unions, especially in Congress."

"It has truly been said that the prosperity of the nation's farmers depends upon the prosperity of the nation's workers—and vice versa," Mr. Green said. "This economic interdependence alone should serve as a unifying force between labor and agriculture."

He pointed out that the AFL favors farm price supports and farm cooperatives. He said that a lack of understanding of the mutual problems of farmers and workers, and the use of anti-labor propaganda by Big Business contribute to keeping these 2 great groups apart.

"It is up to us in the labor movement to develop a broader and more sympathetic understanding between farmers and union workers," Mr. Green said.

Unions Lead Drive To Clean Up Flood

Kansas City, Mo.—AFL unions joined with other labor organizations, contractors and city officials to establish a nonprofit organization for cleaning up flood debris in this stricken city.

"This is a community effort and all we want to do is get the job done," Perrin D. McElroy, secretary of the Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council, said.

"Plasterers and bricklayers and others, skilled and semi-skilled, all will be handling shovels. It must and shall be a nonprofit organization."

The organization will cooperate in helping to clean private plants and get them back into operation.

Flood waters of the Kaw and Missouri rivers overflowed their banks and spread a path of devastation that was the worst in the area's history.

BRITISHER NEW ICFTU PRESIDENT.—Milan, Italy.—Sir Vincent Tewson (left), secretary-general British Trades Union Congress, was elected president International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at its second World Congress to succeed Paul Finet (right) of Belgium.

Building Trades Begin New Drive To Eliminate Nonunion Conditions

Washington.—The AFL Building and Construction Trades Department scheduled a series of shirt-sleeved clinics to eliminate nonunion conditions, vitalize the organizational setup, and provide for an exchange of information between headquarters and the field.

Clinics have been held in Chicago and Washington with a third coming up in New York City July 27 and 28.

John Williams, Detroit, was elected president and Joseph C. Payne, St. Louis, secretary-treasurer at the Chicago area conference which attracted spokesmen for 172 local building and construction trades councils in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan.

John Berni, New Orleans, was elected president and E. W. Collie, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer at the Southeastern Building Trades Conference here. Represented were councils from Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and District of Columbia.

The New York meeting will draw from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Other clinics will be scheduled later for the Southwest, Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast.

Green Tells Retail Clerks Senate Control Bill 'Insult to Public'

Washington.—AFL President William Green told the 21st convention of the AFL Retail Clerks International Association that the Defense Production Act passed by the Senate in great haste in June is an "insult to the public."

He charged that Congress thus far has ignored every recommendation of President Truman for strengthening price and rent controls.

"Unless proper price controls are enacted, labor can no longer accept wage controls," Mr. Green said. Nor can labor work with the Wage Stabilization Board if it is changed as planned by Sen. Robert A. Taft and Rep. Wingate Lucas of Texas, he added.

Mr. Green congratulated the clerks on their growth. Union membership has increased 20 percent in the past 4 years and now has locals from Araciba, Puerto Rico, to Anchorage, Alaska, and from San Diego, Calif., to St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada.

BLIND AFL BAKER CARRIES ON.—Minonk, Ill.—Orlyen Lutyen (center), blind member AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers, with Mrs. Lutyen serves Emil Arndt, official Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, in bakery shop equipped by state. Town citizens raised money for home for Mr. Lutyen, who went blind 6 years ago through gradual atrophy of the optic nerve. Doughnuts and coffee cakes are Lutyen's specialties. The physically handicapped can be good workers and self-supporting.

Truman Leaders Can't Hold Party Line In House

Washington.—The "unholy alliance" of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans in the House of Representatives cut the heart out of the Defense Production Act despite an overwhelming flood of mail from AFL members urging stronger price and rent curbs.

But the deluge of mail was not in vain.

After more than a month of steady bombardment from AFL state and local organizations, and individual members, House Democratic leaders said for the first time that they had hopes of salvaging some part of the price rollbacks provisions of the bill.

They admitted the vote would be close and the Administration could lose the battle, but it was significant that the first bit of optimism rode with the letters the thousands of union members have written.

The Administration had lost every major battle to maintain an act as strong as that now in effect and to put in some teeth.

Ignoring the mail, the Dixiecrat-GOP bloc refused to grant the government permission to build, operate and lease defense plants; stripped authority of the President to set up government corporations for stockpiling vital materials, and denied authority for establishment of a federal minerals administration.

Many of the Republicans and Dixiecrats to whom AFL President William Green had written appealing for the strongest possible laws sent back noncommittal acknowledgments of the receipt of his communication or flat rejections of his request.

Mr. Green told the New York State Federation of Labor in June that the Congress is accountable to the people and members may expect to be called to give an accounting in November 1952.

Later the United Labor Policy Committee pledged that its member organizations will conduct the widest possible educational campaign on the voting on the Defense Production Act preparatory to the November 1952 polls.

Meanwhile AFL members are urged to keep writing those letters—even to the men known to be opposed to labor objectives—to make the record complete on public servants flouting the wishes of the rank and file of their constituents.

Great White Way Union Made Product

New York.—The New York State Union Label Trades Department says union men should enjoy Broadway — The Great White Way.

"No sign is hoisted, fabricated, designed or wired by anyone who has failed to recognize the value of trade union organization," reported the state's Union Label Trades News.

Portland Housewives Put On Price Control Drive

Portland, Ore.—A group of 15 housewives hastily organized by wives of 4 AFL members obtained 1,600 messages to congressmen for a strong price and rent control act in 4 hours.

That's better than 6 per minute.

Armed with pencils, blank postcards and big sandwich boards, the group took the price control issue to consumers at store fronts and on street corners. The sandwich boards said:

"Today's best buy—a penny postcard to your congressman for price controls and rollbacks."

Mrs. O. D. Cook of the AFL Telegraphers Union said they showed a profit on the enterprise because many persons gave more than a penny for their postcard on which to write their congressmen. Mrs. Lee Swafford of the Post Office Clerks Auxiliary said they had to replenish their supply of cards and pencils and Mrs. Roy Renoud, wife of an AFL Electricians business agent, said many of the messages used strong language.

German Workers Need Aid

AFL WOMAN OFFICIAL IN BERLIN.—Berlin, Germany.—Mrs. Walter Rose (right), Congers, N. Y., president Local 143 AFL International Chemical Workers, chats with Ernst Scharnowski, chairman Berlin branch of Deutscher Gwerkschaftsbund, during stop on 6-weeks' tour by 11 American women. Mr. Scharnowski addressed 67th AFL convention in Cincinnati in 1948.

Too Much Marshall Aid Going Only to Big Industrialists

Washington.—Mrs. Walter Rose, Congers, N. Y., president Local 143 AFL International Chemical Workers Union, believes too much of the Marshall Plan funds in western Germany is going to big business and not enough to improve living standards of average workers.

Mrs. Rose made her observation upon returning from a 6-week tour of western Germany as one of an 11-member panel of American women representing major women's organizations in the United States.

"While we are subsidizing industry through the European Recovery Plan, I feel that too much of the benefit from Marshall Plan money is going to big business and the large industrialists rather than to improve the standard of living of the average worker," Mrs. Rose said.

"The betterment of the workers' living standard is one of our most important weapons in combatting communism."

Mrs. Rose said the German trade unions are doing a "tremendous" job toward educating their membership in leadership and assuming their responsibilities as workers. Considering that the German Trade Union Federation (DGB) has had only 6 years in which to work, it has done a good job of building training schools, and in teaching its membership to be good citizens and to work toward a free democratic nation, she said.

Among the many places visited and groups contacted, Mrs. Rose inspected the Merck chemical plant at Darmstadt, which gave her an opportunity to compare employment conditions and production techniques with her own place of employment at the Lederle Laboratories, Inc., Pearl River, N. Y., where she is employed as a laboratory technician.

She found many differences. For example at Darmstadt one person does a complete job filling and packaging pharmaceuticals by hand. At Lederle 150 persons work on the same job on a mass production basis.

Mrs. Rose's trip was arranged by the Women's Affairs Branch of the Office of the U. S. High Commissioner for Germany.

ANTONINI GREETED BY ITALIAN LEADER.—Milan, Italy.—Claudio Rocchi (right) of the Italian Confederation of Labor welcomes Luigi Antonini, vice president AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and AFL delegate to International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and Mrs. Antonini to host city. Mr. Antonini is holding series of conferences with anticommunist labor leaders throughout Italy on conditions there.

Millions Count on ICFTU to Help Their Struggle Against Poverty

Milan, Italy.—A highlight of the second world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions was a comprehensive report on problems of regional development presented by Miss Maniben Kara of India.

She emphasized that the basic task of the free trade unions in the underdeveloped areas of the world was to effect substantial improvements in the unbelievably low living standards of the peoples of those regions. "Seen in this light," she said, "the responsibilities placed on the ICFTU are staggering."

Miss Kara paid tribute to the executive board of the confederation for the attention which they had paid to these problems. In particular she mentioned delegations sent by the ICFTU to Asia, Africa, Latin America and elsewhere.

"The ICFTU has kindled hopes of friendship in the hearts of millions of people who now look to it for help in their struggle against poverty," she said.

A. Philip Randolph, president AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, emphasized that American labor is solidly behind the efforts of the ICFTU to raise living standards of the peoples in the underdeveloped areas.

"We are concerned," he stated, "with building up the international solidarity of the working class and stopping the march of communist imperialism." Any suggestion that the American labor movement had any other motive in extending international aid was utterly baseless, he declared.

Antonini Asks More Economic Aid For Workers in Southern Italy

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The New York AFL leader Luigi Antonini warned that all the hard-won gains achieved under the Marshall Plan will be lost to communism unless strong action is taken to raise working and living standards in lower Italy and Sicily.

Mr. Antonini was in Italy as an AFL delegate to the second world congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at Milan.

Interviewed on his return from an inspection tour of the Naples, Calabria and Sicily regions, the vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union voiced bitter disappointment on finding misery and poverty still rampant in the south.

"Of course," he said, "there have been some improvements since my last visit in 1948. For instance, you see a lot of new construction and the war ruins are less in evidence. But, so much more should and could be done. I am definitely convinced that not enough aid is going to the south.

"During my visit to Naples I ran into a great wave of resentment against the U. S. Army's decision to use the communist city of Leghorn as its main port for unloading supplies for American occupation forces in Germany and Austria. Especially bitter—and I can't blame them!—are the Naples port workers and longshoremen, who have been unloading Atlantic Pact arms and equipment for the past two years without interruption despite the most terrific communist pressure." Mr. Antonini said he would lodge a long and loud protest against the Leghorn affair with American Ambassador Dunn.

Mr. Antonini, who is general secretary of the ILGWU's Local 89 as well as president of the Italian-American Labor Council of New York, has been visiting democratic trade union organizations in Italy since June 20 as guest of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions (CISL). This is his fourth trip to renew fraternal ties between American and Italian labor since the liberation of Rome in 1944. After participating in the Milan ICFTU congress, he will resume his Italian tour until August 16, when he will fly back to New York.

At a CISL reception in his honor, the American labor leader described to a distinguished audience of Italian trade unionists the dramatic rise of the ILGWU Local 89, "whose doors were never closed to any exiled anti-fascist" during the Mussolini regime. He recalled that Italy's union organizers and exponents of Italian social democracy had found the American workers full of generous solidarity when fascism was overthrown.

"Those were the days," he said with a grin, "when Nenni and Di Vittorio didn't consider aid from American workers as a criminal, upper-class attempt at corruption."

The AFL leader was alluding to Pietro Nenni, head of the communist-run Italian Socialist Party, and Giuseppe Di Vittorio, communist chief of the red General Confederation of Italian Labor (CGIL).

NY Bakery Drivers Get 5-Day Week

New York.—Bakery drivers represented by 4 AFL Teamsters Union locals won a 5-day week in a 10-day strike against bakers producing 80 percent of the wrapped white bread in the city.

Union spokesmen predicted that the drive for the reduced work week will be carried to Philadelphia, Chicago and 11 western states next.

The shorter work week will be put into effect between Oct. 1 and Feb. 1, 1952, with no reduction in the compensation received for 6 days, an average $100 on a combined wage and commission basis.

TO AMEND ORDER

London, England.—The right to strike without referring a dispute to the Minister of Labor is to be restored by a new arbitration order which will replace Order 1305.

Tom Williamson, general secretary National Union of General and Municipal Workers who was fraternal delegate to the AFL Convention in 1949 at St. Paul, told his union's convention that the new order would end the penal clauses but would retain some of the good parts.

HEARING POSTPONED

Newark, N. J.—Hearings on how the newsprint shortage affects the labor press scheduled for July 11 were indefinitely postponed because of the legislative logjam in Congress. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey advised Secretary-Treasurer Lewis M. Herrmann of International Labor Press of America.

Excess Women Held German Problem

Washington.—The excess of women over men in western Germany "is a problem which requires careful review and handling in order to prevent the development of a large group of psycho-neurotics," according to Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, Washington, one of an 11-member American women's panel representing major women's organizations in the United States which has just completed a 6-week swing around western Germany.

Dr. Ferebee, representing the National Council of Negro Women, and the National Council of Women in the United States, said that the large number of war widows and unmarried mothers in Germany presents a psychological and physical problem which is one of the biggest facing the Federal Republic.

Mrs. Walter Rose, Congers, N. Y., president Local 143 AFL International Chemical Workers, represented the AFL on the tour.

Discussing her trip through western Germany and her meeting with German women organizations, Dr. Ferebee said she found that West German women's organizations had made a degree of progress despite severe handicaps. "In some sections," the American physician said, "there is an alert interest in women's groups and progress is being made in both civil and political life."

OFFERS AIDS

Washington.—AFL President William Green advised research departments of affiliated unions that the federal government's defense mobilization program is now offering printed aids to keep abreast of developments.

He said these include the "Weekly Defense Production Record," published by the Defense Production Administration, $2.50 per year; "Summary of Price Orders," by the Price Stabilization Director, and "Wage Stabilization Policies and Directives," issued by the Wage Stabilization Board.

AFL WOMAN OFFICIAL VISITS BERLIN FREEDOM BELL.—Berlin, Germany.—Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee (left), National Council of Negro Women, and Mrs. Walter Rose (right), president AFL Chemical Workers Local 143, visit Freedom Bell financed by United States subscriptions and hung in Berlin in tribute to valiant fight of Berlin citizens to keep their freedom against Soviet Russia's ruthless aggression. The two American women were among panel of 11 which spent 6 weeks in German Federal Republic.

NAM Kicks Wilson and Johnston Who Have Done Its Bidding

New York.—The National Association of Manufacturers, which dictated appointment of Charles E. Wilson as defense mobilization administrator and Eric Johnston as economic stabilization director, now calls their former pals "prisoners" of "bright slide-rule and figure boys" because they favor strong price and rent controls.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Johnston were picked for their jobs at a meeting of top industrial brass in New York and their appointment dictated to President Truman. They froze labor out of the setup and appointed hundreds of Big Business representatives to all the important jobs.

Every policy governing the country's lagging defense mobilization and production program, the tight wage freeze, the scandalous $7.6 billion tax amortization handouts, has been made by Big Business.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Johnston spent all of their time telling their Big Business associations how they were running the program. They had no time to address labor groups—until just the past few weeks when they awoke to the fact that Big Business is scuttling their whole program by wrecking the Defense Production Act.

Then, because Mr. Wilson and Mr. Johnston just saw the country's needs in the light of the whole people, the National Association of Manufacturers turns on them with the vicious name-calling, smearing technique that characterizes their every effort against the public interest.

The real "prisoners" are the members of Congress who have sold out to these selfish NAM interests to wreck price controls.

Wisconsin AFL Warns Against TU Courier

Appleton, Wis.—The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor has authorized a statewide educational campaign against the unethical practices of the Trade Union Courier, New York publication taking thousands of dollars from business men by telephone solicitation of advertising throughout the country.

The AFL Executive Council has disowned any connection with the Trade Union Courier and asked all affiliates to expose this outfit trading unethically on the AFL name.

The Wisconsin AFL and Appleton Trades and Labor Council published an advertisement in the Appleton Post-Crescent to notify business men, better business bureaus, chambers of commerce and state contractors associations that "The Courier is in no way connected with the AFL."

"There is no foundation in any claim of a solicitor from the Courier that he is calling from the circulation department of the American Federation of Labor headquarters," the advertisement said.

All prospective advertisers were urged not to contract for advertising by telephone but to insist upon seeing the references of solicitors in person.

URGE PEOPLE JUDGE AT POLLS.—Washington.—L. to r., AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray and Machinists President Al Hayes, acting for United Labor Policy Committee, assert that "no friend of high prices can be a friend of labor." They urged the people to judge senators and representatives in the next election by their vote on the Defense Production Act to control prices and rents.

AFL Won't Take Pay Curbs Under Weak Price Controls Green Warns NAM Congress

Washington.—The AFL will not submit to wage ceilings without effective price control.

AFL President William Green told Democratic congressional leaders in a private conference that labor unions "will not and cannot" submit to wage ceilings under an effective Defense Production Act which does not really control prices and rents.

CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey said the whole labor movement is behind Mr. Green's declaration.

"Labor agreed to wage controls and is submitting to them now," Mr. Green told reporters afterwards.

"We cannot continue if Congress refuses to pass a Defense Production Act which does not give the government authority to exercise price controls in a reasonable and adequate manner.

"The nation is facing a great emergency filled with uncertainty. It is now up to Congress to pass a reasonable controls bill."

Mr. Green and other leaders of the United Labor Policy Committee conferred with the House leaders in an effort to get a strong bill which can be substituted for the weak Senate measure and the present 31-day extension, which virtually wreck price controls by forbidding rollbacks, setting a price floor at the highest peak in history, and raising rents 20 percent above the 1947 level.

Washington.— Congress betrayed the people by selling out to the demand of Big Business interests to kill or weaken all effective controls over prices, rent and allocations of materials.

Following the lead of the Senate, the House prohibited inclusion in the Defense Production Act of the system of slaughtering quotas to prevent beef from reaching black markets.

The action, taken by a tricky teller non-recorded vote, may force the Office of Price Stabilization to drop meat from price controls.

The AFL Executive Council called the beef slaughtering, price ceiling and three rollbacks ordered last May the first effective attempt by the government to control runaway prices. It said this effort was the key to a really effective campaign to keep prices, rents and inflation from running away.

The coalition of Byrd Dixiecrats and Taft Republicans slashed away at other proposals of the strong Defense Production Act submitted by House Banking Chairman Brent Spence. There appeared to be little doubt that the House would pass a National Association of Manufacturers and American Meat Institute defense controls bill.

Despite a flood of letters, telegrams and visits from AFL members, despite the steady bombardment of the labor press and speeches by AFL leaders, House Democrats still pleaded there wasn't sufficient "public pressure" for a good strong Defense Production Act.

Administration leaders and the Democratic National Committee also joined belatedly in the fight for a stronger controls law.

President Truman conferred at Blair House with United Labor Policy Committee leaders including AFL President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, AFL Vice President Dan W. Tracy, Railway Labor Executives President George E. Leighty, Executive Secretary A. E. Lyon, and Machinists President Al J. Hayes.

House debate on the controls law was extended into another week.

Present curbs will expire July 31.

Asks Senate Ease Tax On Low-Paid

Washington.—The AFL asked the Senate Finance Committee to redraft the House-approved $7 billion tax revenue bill to ease the burden on low-income wage earners.

The request was presented in testimony by Arthur A. Elder, consultant to the AFL Tax Committee headed by AFL Vice President Matthew Woll.

The House bill is estimated to yield $6.83 billion in additional revenue. Secretary of Treasury Snyder told the Senate committee that it provides $3.92 billion less than is needed to keep the federal budget in balance.

Mr. Elder said that neither Mr. Snyder nor anyone else "has justified the proposal to raise any substantial amount of the needed revenue increase from excise taxes." He said the AFL is opposed to the $1 billion increase in these taxes voted by the House.

He said the 12½ percent increase voted by the House is preferable to the 4-point increase proposal of Mr. Snyder, but Mr. Elder recommended some changes to lessen the increase on incomes below $3,000 a year.

He argued for elimination of the split-income tax return for married couples.

"The elimination of the preferential treatment enjoyed by married taxpayers in the upper income group would result in an additional revenue of from $1.19 to $2.5 billion," he said.

Mr. Elder endorsed an increase in corporation taxes. He renewed his plea for plugging loopholes in the gift and estate tax laws to raise $1 to $1.5 billion a year additionally.

"The House bill does not adequately recognize the present situation which finds low-income taxpayers paying a disproportionately large share of the tax load at a time when living costs have reached excessive heights," he said.

"The House bill now before you will further burden the low income taxpayers your congressional committee has declared are already overburdened; and, further, that it will not in its present form operate either to absorb surplus purchasing power, close loopholes, or eliminate profiteering to any effective degree."

Mr. Elder quoted the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, to which he referred, as stating that income groups below $3,000 a year pay a greater proportion of their income in taxes to state and local governments than those in upper brackets.

189 AFL CASES OKAYED BY WSB

Washington. — Through June 22, the Wage Stabilization Board had approved 189 wage cases brought by AFL unions.

It had approved 116 for the CIO, 52 independents, 180 for employers only, 385 for employer-union requests.

United Labor Calls Mexican Import Bill a Threat

Washington. — The Ellender-Poage Mexican Labor Importation bill is a threat to American farm and food processing workers.

Pointing out that the bill "runs directly counter to the recommendations of your Commission on Migratory Labor," ULPC asked President Truman to veto the measure.

Despite the request, Mr. Truman signed the bill.

"The United Labor Policy Committee feels strongly that this bill only provides an unwarranted subsidy for large-scale employers of agricultural labor while at the same time threatening the standards of American farm and food processing workers," ULPC said.

ULPC deplored the lack of penalties for employment of "wetbacks," the Mexicans who enter the country illegally by swimming or wading the Rio Grande; broadening the definition of agricultural labor to include food processing plants, and sanctioning of government contracting for labor of Mexicans illegally in this country.

President Truman had until midnight July 13 to act on the bill. He received advice on his decision from the State, Justice and Labor departments, all of which played shameful parts in the negotiations for imported Mexican labor or displayed laxity in enforcing U. S. laws on the border.

Big Business Gets Tax Windfall Greater Than Unemployment Fund

Washington.—The Defense Production Administration granted tax amortizations totaling $7.6 billion in 10 months through June.

This total is greater than all of the reserves of the Unemployment Compensation funds built up painstakingly through 15 years. The UC fund just recently went over the $7 billion figure.

Every worker knows how Big Business has screamed against the slow growth of this fund. They've seen how successfully Big Business got its contributions whittled down in most states by so-called merit-rating plans. But workers and the taxpayers generally must stand helplessly by as the Big Business men appointed by Defense Mobilization Administrator Charles E. Wilson pass out these tax benefits, which enable employers to deduct from their tax bills over 5 years the cost of any new buildings put up for defense purposes.

They get the buildings, you get the bills.

Wage-Board Wrecking Amendment Slows Down New Policy Rules

Washington. — The House Labor Committee's proposed amendment to wreck the Wage Stabilization Board slowed down the development of a new wage policy for more than a month.

The backlog of cases grew from 2,500 on June 1 to 4,800 on June 29.

The amendment was proposed to the Defense Production Act to create an all-public board as advisory only to Economic Stabilization Administrator Eric Johnston. WSB Chairman George W. Taylor said it would wreck the board reconstituted according to United Labor Policy Committee proposals and approved by President Truman's Defense Mobilization Advisory Board.

Prior to this wrecking attempt, the new WSB had made progress in revitalizing the national wage policy by broadening rules on tandem relationships, new plants, Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage, by establishing an automatic 95-cents an hour ceiling for agriculture, and by approval of meat packing, shipbuilding and auto industries wage cases for the correction of inequities, abnormal base periods and productivity increases.

Included in a list of 20 matters still untouched by the WSB in evolving a fully-round policy are deferred increases, pensions, insurance and welfare plans, substandard wage rates, inter-plant and intra-plant inequities, escalator clauses, wage stabilization in industries exempt from price control, reduction of work week without loss of pay.

Only 7 States Needed to Kill U. S. Income Tax

Washington.—Labor, the weekly newspaper of standard railroad organizations, reported that the Western Tax Council of Chicago claims only 7 more states are needed to kill any federal income tax amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Labor, which has been fighting the so-called "millionaires' amendment" since it was first proposed more than 10 years ago, says that the tax lobby sponsoring the amendment claims that governors cannot veto nor legislatures rescind their approval of this proposal.

To date 25 states approved the amendment in the 16th Amendment. Governors in two states had vetoed the resolution and legislatures in three states had rescinded their action, but the tax lobby says such action has no standing in law.

The Western Tax Council says it needs approval in only 7 more states to get the 32 necessary to force Congress to call a constitutional convention for the ratification of the proposed new amendment.

In place of the present unlimited federal income tax, the tax lobby would propose an amendment limiting any federal income tax to 25 percent. This would immediately dry up the federal government's major source of revenue and require the imposition of a staggering sales tax that would overburden the low-income wage earners.

Miss Lenroot, Retiring, Reveals 'Wetback' States Child Death Rate

Washington.—The "wetback" states of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona have the highest child death rates in the country.

These are the states where the influx is greatest of Mexican "wetback," aliens who swim or wade the Rio Grande river to enter this country illegally and work on farms, railroads and in building trades.

The Congress of the United States has just passed another bill to continue this horrible exploitation of Mexican workers, endanger the health of this country, and destroy American standards of living.

The high death rate among children in the "wetback" states was revealed by Miss Katharine Lenroot in an interview upon the announcement of her retirement as director of the U. S. Children's Bureau in the Federal Security Agency, effective Aug. 31.

Miss Lenroot, 60, daughter of the late Sen. Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin, will be succeeded by Dr. Martha M. Eliot, native of Dorchester, Mass., and assistant director of the World Health Organization.

Miss Lenroot first joined the Children's Bureau in 1915 and was appointed its chief by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1934—the third woman to hold the post. Her predecessors were Julia Lathrop and Grace Abbott.

PRAISES EDWARDS AID.—Washington.—Sen. Herbert Lehman (left) thanks Frank Edwards, AFL news commentator, for his assistance in winning insurance benefits for all veterans. Senator Lehman said of Edwards, who broadcasts 5 nights weekly over Mutual Broadcasting System: "Frank Edwards did an extremely useful and effective job in helping to secure passage of the Servicemen's Insurance Act. He alerted members of Congress, the public and especially veterans to the fact that the first version of the bill passed by the House cut out benefits for future veterans. Then Mr. Edwards went to work through his radio program and helped us win our battle for a bill that offered insurance benefits to all veterans."

NAMED TO COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass.—Joseph Rourke, secretary - treasurer Connecticut State Federation of Labor, and Walter G. O'Donnell, Westport, Conn., AFL American Federation of Teachers, were appointed members of the Natural Resources Panel by the Committee of New England, created to revitalize New England's economic life.

ITU Plans Nine New Daily Papers

Washington.—Nine new daily newspapers sponsored by the AFL International Typographical Union will begin publication in the next few months.

Four were scheduled to bow in July.

The nine papers will be published in Allentown, Pa.; Monroe, La.; Texarkana, Ark.; Springfield, Mo.; Meriden, Conn.; Lorain, Ohio; Huntington, Beckley and Charleston, W. Va.

The step is a landmark in American journalism and may bring a new era of journalism in the interest of all the people.

The papers have been created to provide competition in communities where newspaper monopolies exist and to insure maintenance of union working conditions.

New techniques have been developed to give readers an easy-to-read, easy-to-handle newspaper with an honest and responsible report on news and opinion.

A smooth and efficient production system geared to standard printing processes has been developed to give the papers' readers the best in a daily newspaper.

Publication of the papers, to be called the Daily News-Digest, will be under the control of Dale Byrne, who brings wide and rounded experience to the job of launching daily papers.

They will be supplied with their own news report from their own Washington bureau, New Newspaper Service, directed by Saul Miller.

Tight writing and editing will give the papers more news in their easy-to-handle tabloid-size pages than most papers carry in their larger columns.

New ideas in makeup and typography have been worked out for the papers in line with the compactness and terseness of their contents.

DAILY NEWS-DIGEST
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More News, Better News, No Strings
Daily News-Digest Created by Union
Papers to Edit News to Needs Of All Readers
Tabloid-Size Paper Designed to Meet Reader's Demand
Washington Bureau to Furnish Papers With Own News Report
Sound News Report Will Get Priority Over Time Element

FIRST OF 9 ITU DAILY PAPERS.—Washington.—This is the front page of the sample copy of the Texarkana, Ark., Daily News-Digest, first issue of 9 daily newspapers to be established by the AFL International Typographical Union to provide a better news service for all the people in communities where newspaper monopolies threaten the maintenance of union working conditions.

Iceland-U. S. Labor Begin Relations

Chicago.—A 5-man team from the Federation of Icelandic Labor Unions completed a visit to this country under auspices of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Iceland's unions have organized more than 90 percent of all the workers in that island country, said to be the highest percentage of organization for any country in the world.

The four-week study visit provided an opportunity for establishing relations between American and Icelandic labor, which have not previously existed.

The Icelandic unions voted in 1950 to affirm the action of the federation's executive board in severing relations with the communist World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and then became a member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Team leader was Finnur Jonsson, Social Democratic Party member of the Iceland Parliament and manager of the purchasing department of the Iceland Government. He is a former member of the executive committee of the Labor Union Federation and a former leader of the Isafjordur Labor Union.

Other members of the group selected by the Icelandic Federation were Helgi Hannesson, president of the federation and mayor of the Municipality of Hafnarfjordur (Social Democrat); Saemunder E. Olafsson, vice president of the federation and chairman of the Joint Council of Labor Unions in Reykjavik (Social Democrat); Halfdan Sveinsson, chairman of the Akranes Labor Union (Social Democrat); Ingimundur Gestsson, secretary of the federation and secretary of the Drivers' Union in Reykjavik (Conservative); Gudmundur Sigtryggsson, member of the central committee of the federation.

Whole Free World Represented On ICFTU Executive Board

Milan, Italy.—Representatives from every free area of the world make up the executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Included in the list elected at the second world congress are several delegates who have paid fraternal visits to AFL conventions.

Sir Vincent Tewson, secretary-general British Trades Union Congress was elected president to succeed Paul Finet of Belgium and Secretary General J. H. Oldenbroek was reelected by voice vote. Members of the executive board are:

Africa—Marcus Grant, Farhat Hached, E. F. Small.

Asia and Middle East—delegates, M. Mohaver, T. Nishimaki, H. Shastri; first substitutes, M. Kara, Liang Ying Chang, Abdul Mehyo; second substitutes, V. Menon, Chun Chin Han.

Great Britain—delegates, Sir Vincent Tewson, Arthur Deakin; first substitutes, Tom O'Brien, Lincoln Evans; second substitutes, Sir Luke Fawcett, A. Roberts.

Europe—delegates, Eiler Jensen, Louis Major (replacing Paul Finet of Belgium), Christian Fette (replacing Ludwig Rosenberg of Germany), Giulio Pastore, Leon Jouhaux; first substitutes, Axel Strand, Hendrik Oosterhuis, Anton Proksch, Giovanni Canini, Robert Bothereau; second substitutes, Konrad Nordahl, Jean Fohrmann, Giacomo Bernasconi, G. Basaro, Pascual Tomas.

Latin America—delegates, Francisco Aguirre, Bernardo Ibanez; first substitutes; Hipolito Marcano, D. H. Cavalcanti; second substitutes, E. Leon, J. Espinosa.

North America—delegates, Philip Murray, Pat Conroy, William Green, Claude Jodoin (replacing Percy Bengough of Canada); first substitutes, Jacob S. Potofsky (replacing James Carey), C. H. Millard, George Meany, Percy Bengough; second substitutes, Victor G. Reuther (replacing Elmer Cope), F. W. Dowling, Irving Brown, Gordon G. Cushing.

West Indies—delegate, Grantley Adams; first substitute, C. T. Alexander; second substitute, J. Baptiste.

D'ANDREA RESPONDS TO WELCOME.—Milan, Italy.—Anthony D'Andrea (left), president Chicago Laborers' District Council, responds on behalf of AFL delegation to International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to welcoming speech by Mayor Ferrari of Milan. Right, Giulio Pastore, general secretary Italian Confederation of Labor.

BEGIN FILM

Hollywood, Calif.—A safety film for the AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America is being produced by Union Screen Films, Inc. The production is under the supervision of Martin Lancer and Arthur Nadel.

The film, as yet untitled, deals with accidents peculiar to the bakery and confectionery industries. The international union seeks through the medium of this production to curtail drastically "on-the-job" accidents.

Union President William Schnitzler of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union stated the film will be made available to all locals.

SUFFER MOST ILLNESS

New York.—People with the lowest incomes are usually sick oftener and die sooner than those with high incomes says the Twentieth Century Fund.

Truman Asks Funds, Stronger Law, To Handle Mexican Farm Labor

Washington. — President Truman said he had assurances of congressional leaders that they would act at this session on his requests for more funds and a stronger law to handle the importation of Mexican farm labor.

With these assurances, he said he signed into law the Mexican Farm Labor Importation Bill which AFL President William Green and the United Labor Policy Committee had asked him to veto.

In a special message to Congress, Mr. Truman asked:

1. A law to punish anyone harboring or concealing aliens illegally in this country.

2. A law giving the Immigration and Naturalization Service the right to inspect the premises of the big farm-factories for aliens illegally in this country.

3. Supplemental appropriations for the Immigration Service for a stricter border patrol against illegal entries and for the Farm Placement Service of the U. S. Department of Labor to recruit domestic workers for agricultural employment.

Mr. Truman's requests were aimed at halting the use of "wetbacks," Mexicans who swim or wade the Rio Grande to enter this country without permission to be exploited as farm laborers and depress American living and working standards.

H. L. Mitchell, president AFL National Farm Labor Union, said that "unless the President sees to it that the Labor Department lives out its responsibilities regarding the farm labor program better than in the past, increased appropriations for the Farm Placement Service will mean little to the American farmer."

"The present Farm Placement Service is grower-dominated and spends 98 percent of its efforts in working out plans to import cheap foreign labor for exploitation by industrialized enterprises," he said.

The bill signed by President Truman permits the importation of Mexican nationals into any area where the Secretary of Labor certifies that there is a labor shortage. It provides no penalties for using "wetbacks," 500,000 of whom were found in this country and deported last year.

UNIONS SPONSOR BASEBALL BROADCAST.—Houston, Tex.—AFL unions are telling their story to the public during a daily broadcast of "The Game of the Day" over the Mutual Broadcasting System and KTHT 6 days a week. The sponsoring union for the day receives the benefit of the spot announcements. A season-long feature, the program is paying dividends in increased understanding and goodwill. It is sponsored by the Plumbers, Carpenters, Pipefitters, Painters and Building Trades Council representing 30,000 craftsmen in Houston area. L. to r., Lawrence Evans, Electrical Workers; Charles Jones, secretary Houston Building Trades Council; Arthur R. Balch, president Carpenters Local 213; Mike Mullen, president Houston Carpenters' District Council.

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